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FOREWARD

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ANALYSIS [1]

The month of April has brought a worsening in overall employment conditions for the province with the jobless rate at 9.1 percent (seasonally-adjusted) while the unemployment rate for Canada as a whole increased by 0.5 percentage points to April's level of 7.4 percent.

In Nova Scotia the unemployment rate increased by 0.9 percentage points to 9.1 percent for the month of April. A year ago at this time the level of unemployment was 8.2 percent.

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		Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
CANADA	APR.	10,078	10,304	9,309	9,543	769	761	7.6	7.4	60.0	61.4
	MAY	10,019	10,320	9,259	9,607	759	713	7.6	6.9	59.8	61.6
NOVA SCOTIA	APR.	319	329	286	299	33	30	10.3	9.1	54.3	56.0
	MAY	314	328	284	301	30	27	9.5	8.2	53.4	55.9
NEW BRUNSWICK	APR.	248	260	215	231	33	29	13.2	11.2	51.3	53.8
	MAY	242	261	212	231	31	30	12.6	11.5	50.3	54.1
NEW-FOUNDLAND	APR.	172	179	144	154	28	25	16.3	14.0	46.8	48.6
	MAY	168	179	143	155	25	24	14.7	13.4	45.7	48.6
P.E.I.	APR.	46	48	40	44	6	4	13.4	8.3	54.0	56.5
	MAY	46	49	41	45	*	*	*	*	53.9	58.3
QUEBEC	APR.	2,648	2,715	2,410	2,491	238	224	9.0	8.3	57.0	58.5
	MAY	2,623	2,706	2,402	2,498	221	208	8.4	7.7	56.6	58.4
ONTARIO	APR.	3,865	3,942	3,616	3,687	249	255	6.4	6.5	63.2	64.4
	MAY	3,859	3,944	3,596	3,698	263	246	6.8	6.2	63.2	64.6

* Due to the small size of the sample, the high percentage of sampling variability rendered such figures unpublishable.

TABLE 4: - LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,078	319	248	2,648	3,865
Male	6,312	203	158	1,706	2,364
Female	3,766	116	90	942	1,501
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,634	89	74	711	938
25 and over	7,444	230	174	1,936	2,927
15 - 19 years	1,060	34	25	254	387
20 - 24 years	1,574	55	48	458	550
25 - 44 years	4,576	136	109	1,243	1,780
45 - 64 years	2,689	87	62	659	1,072
65 and over	178	7	*	34	76

The monthly labour force survey estimated the total labour force in Nova Scotia at 319,000 during April. This level represented an increase of 5,000 persons from March's figure and a rise of 5,000 persons over April 1975. The increase was evenly divided between the two major age groupings with both showing an increase of 3,000 persons.

The male component of the labour force accounted for the total increase in labour force numbers with a rise of 6,000 persons while the female component showed no change for the period.

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TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	9,309	286	215	2,410	3,616
Male	5,854	182	137	1,551	2,234
Female	3,455	104	78	859	1,382
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,296	72	60	606	835
25 and over	7,013	214	155	1,804	2,781
15 - 19 years	893	26	20	210	330
20 - 24 years	1,404	46	41	397	505
25 - 44 years	4,282	124	95	1,155	1,679
45 - 64 years	2,560	83	57	616	1,029
65 and over	171	7	*	33	73

Actual employment during April was 286,000, up by 2,000 from March's level of 284,000. The increase was found wholly in the male component where the employment level increased by 4,000 persons while the number of employed females, declined by 2,000 persons.

An examination of employment by age reveals that the increase in employment was evenly divided between the major age groupings with each showing an increase of 1,000 persons.

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TABLE 6: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Industry)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,309	286	215	2,410	3,616
Goods - producing					
Agriculture	446	8	6	68	105
Other Primary	220	14	-	41	57
Manufacturing	1,879	39	33	580	898
Construction	582	19	16	132	218
Service - producing					
Transportation, Comm. & Other Utilities	826	27	24	219	269
Trade	1,629	55	43	400	612
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	496	13	-	121	214
Community Business & Personal Services	2,544	83	59	678	964
Public Administration	688	28	19	171	278

Total employment in Nova Scotia for the month of April was 286,000, an increase of 2,000 from the preceding month.

The increase in employment seemed to be confined wholly to the goods - producing sector of the economy. Increases were found in construction (3,000 persons), other primary (2,000 persons), and agriculture (1,000 persons) while the manufacturing industry showed no change for the period.

The service - producing sector over the March - April period recorded an increase of only 1,000 persons in the trade industry while the remaining industries suffered minor declines or remain unchanged.

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TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Occupation)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,309	286	215	2,410	3,616
Managerial	2,097	60	46	569	832
Clerical	1,681	48	36	443	693
Sales	1,030	34	22	240	415
Service	1,112	38	29	283	423
Primary Occupations	571	20	11	89	145
Processing	1,471	34	33	465	618
Construction	620	24	18	134	226
Transportation	372	14	10	93	130
Material Handlings & Other Crafts	354	13	-	94	134

Total employment in all occupations for the month of April increased to 286,000, a rise of 2,000 over March's figure. Managerial occupations accounted for the largest number of employed persons totalling 60,000.

An increase of 3,000 occurred in other primary occupations while increases of 2,000 persons were recorded in sales, construction and material handling and other crafts. Declines of 2,000 were found in managerial, clerical, and service occupations.

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TABLE 8: - LABOUR FORCE DATA FOR ECONOMIC REGIONS

WITHIN NOVA SCOTIA

1976

Unemployment Rates

	March	April
Economic Region (Group 6)	12.4	12.5
Economic Region (Group 7)	12.7	14.3
Economic Region (Group 8)	11.0	11.9
Economic Region (Group 9)	11.0	10.3
Economic Region (Group 10)	6.1	7.3
Halifax Metropolitan Area	5.4	7.6

Participation Rates

Economic Region (Group 6)	46.5	49.3
Economic Region (Group 7)	50.1	50.9
Economic Region (Group 8)	51.3	52.6
Economic Region (Group 9)	48.1	48.6
Economic Region (Group 10)	62.1	61.9
Halifax Metropolitan Area	63.8	63.5

Economic Region (Group 6) includes all of Cape Breton Island.
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ANALYSIS [1]

The month of May has brought a further deterioration in overall employment conditions for the province with the jobless rate increasing to 9.7 percent (seasonally-adjusted). Unemployment at the national level eased somewhat in May with the rate dropping by 0.3 percentage points to 7.1 percent.

The provincial unemployment rate of 9.7 percent was an increase of 0.6 percentage points. A year ago at this time the level of unemployment was 8.7 percent.

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		LABOUR FORCE (000's)		EMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	
		Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
CANADA	MAY	10,285	10,259	9,576	9,528	708	731	6.9	7.1	61.1	61.0
	APR.	10,078	10,304	9,309	9,543	769	761	7.6	7.4	60.0	61.4
NOVA SCOTIA	MAY	325	320	294	289	31	31	9.5	9.7	55.2	54.3
	APR.	319	329	286	299	33	30	10.3	9.1	54.3	56.0
NEW BRUNSWICK	MAY	264	256	231	228	32	28	12.2	10.9	54.5	52.9
	APR.	248	260	215	231	33	29	13.2	11.2	51.3	53.8
NEW-FOUNDLAND	MAY	184	183	158	160	25	23	13.7	12.6	49.8	49.6
	APR.	172	179	144	154	28	25	16.3	14.0	46.8	48.6
P.E.I.	MAY	49	48	44	42	5	6	9.9	12.5	57.9	56.5
	APR.	46	48	40	44	6	4	13.4	8.3	54.0	56.5
QUEBEC	MAY	2,687	2,693	2,472	2,479	215	214	8.0	7.9	57.8	57.9
	APR.	2,648	2,715	2,410	2,491	238	224	9.0	8.3	57.0	58.5
ONTARIO	MAY	3,921	3,933	3,692	3,682	229	251	5.8	6.4	64.0	64.2
	APR.	3,865	3,942	3,616	3,687	249	255	6.4	6.5	63.2	64.4

* Due to the small size of the sample, the high percentage of sampling variability rendered such figures unpublishable.

TABLE 4: - LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,285	325	264	2,687	3,921
Male	6,448	207	167	1,725	2,405
Female	3,837	118	97	963	1,516
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,782	97	84	721	1,002
25 and over	7,503	228	180	1,966	2,919
15 - 19 years	1,102	38	30	251	402
20 - 24 years	1,679	60	54	471	600
25 - 44 years	4,617	135	112	1,260	1,779
45 - 64 years	2,710	86	64	670	1,071
65 and over	176	7	*	36	70

The monthly labour force survey estimated the total labour force in Nova Scotia at 325,000 during May. This level represented an increase of 6,000 persons from April's figure but a decline of 1,000 when compared to May, 1975. The increase in May was found wholly among young people with those 15 - 24 years of age recording an increase of 8,000 persons while those in the 25 and over age grouping saw their numbers decline by 2,000 persons.

The male component of the labour force accounted for the majority of the increase in labour force numbers with an increase of 4,000 persons while the female component rose by 2,000 persons.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	9,576	294	231	2,472	3,692
Male	6,052	190	146	1,592	2,291
Female	3,524	104	85	880	1,400
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,433	79	69	617	892
25 and over	7,143	215	162	1,855	2,799
15 - 19 years	944	30	24	208	353
20 - 24 years	1,489	50	45	408	540
25 - 44 years	4,372	126	100	1,188	1,695
45 - 64 years	2,598	82	59	632	1,035
65 and over	173	7	*	35	69

Actual employment during May was 294,000, up by 8,000 from April's level of 286,000. The increase was found wholly in the male component where the employment level increased by 8,000 persons while the number of employed females remained unchanged at 104,000.

An examination of employment by age reveals that the increase was found mainly in the 15 - 24 years age category with 7,000 new job-holders while those 25 and over saw their employment levels increase by only 1,000 persons.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 6: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Industry)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,576	294	231	2,472	3,692
Goods - producing					
Agriculture	473	8	6	66	1.3
Other Primary	248	16	11	49	61
Manufacturing	1,936	42	36	593	916
Construction	650	21	20	151	237
Service - producing					
Transportation, Comm. & Other Utilities	836	29	24	218	275
Trade	1,654	56	45	414	625
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	493	12	-	117	221
Community Business & Personal Services	2,579	81	64	690	974
Public Administration	708	28	18	175	276

Total employment in Nova Scotia for the month of May was 294,000, an increase of 8,000 from the preceding month.

The increase in employment was found mainly in the goods - producing sector of the economy. Increases were found in manufacturing (3,000 persons), construction (2,000 persons) and other primary (2,000 persons).

The service - producing sector over the April - May period recorded increases in the transportation, communication and other utilities and the trade industries of 2,000 and 1,000 persons respectively. The remaining industries suffered minor declines in their employment levels or remain unchanged.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Occupation)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,576	294	231	2,472	3,692
Managerial	2,109	61	49	565	832
Clerical	1,698	49	38	446	701
Sales	1,041	34	23	249	431
Service	1,138	37	30	294	420
Primary Occupations	639	22	15	99	160
Processing	1,512	36	35	484	619
Construction	688	27	21	149	245
Transportation	380	14	10	94	136
Material Handlings & Other Crafts	373	14	10	92	149

Total employment in all occupations for the month of May increased to 294,000, a rise of 8,000 over April's figure. Managerial occupations accounted for the largest number of employed persons totalling 61,000.

The most significant rise occurred for construction occupations with employment increasing by 3,000 persons. As well, increases of 2,000 persons were found in processing and primary occupations. A decline of 1,000 was found in service occupations.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 8
Labour Force Data For Economic Regions
Within Nova Scotia
1976

Unemployment Rates

	April	May	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	12.5	12.0	- 0.5
Economic Region (Group 7)	14.3	10.9	- 3.4
Economic Region (Group 8)	11.9	8.4	- 3.5
Economic Region (Group 9)	10.3	9.9	- 0.4
Economic Region (Group 10)	7.3	8.1	+ 0.8
Halifax Metropolitan Area	7.6	8.3	+ 0.7

Participation Rates

Economic Region (Group 6)	49.3	51.8	+ 2.5
Economic REgion (Group 7)	50.9	50.9	-
Economic Region (Group 8)	52.6	52.4	- 0.2
Economic Region (Group 9)	48.6	50.3	+ 1.7
Economic Region (Group 10)	61.9	62.4	+ 0.5
Halifax Metropolitan Area	63.5	63.5	-

Economic Region (Group 6) includes all of Cape Breton Island.
Economic Region (Group 7) includes the counties of Antigonish, Colchester Cumberland, Guysborough and Pictou.
Economic Region (Group 8) includes the counties of Annapolis, Hants and Kings.
Economic Region (Group 9) includes the counties of Digby, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth.
Economic Region (Group 10) includes the county of Halifax.

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FOREWARD

The monthly reviews, in summary form, Provincial and National adjustments in the labour force activity during the year including a year-over-year analysis.

The statistics contained in this report are based on information obtained from a sample survey of households conducted by Statistics Canada. Estimates of employment, unemployment and non-labour force activity refer to a specific week covered by the survey each month. The survey sample represents all persons in the population 15 years of age and over residing in Canada with the exception of those in the Yukon and Northwest Territories, Indians living on reserves, inmates of institutions and members of the Armed Forces. These excluded categories amount to about three percent of the total population 15 years of age and over.

The data and analysis presented in the foregoing tables are only intended as an overall insight into labour force activity and composition. A certain amount of more detailed information is available upon request from the Nova Scotia Department of Labour.

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	1976	
	May to June Changes	
NOVA SCOTIA	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
Labour Force	+ 6	+ 3
Employed	+ 8	-
Unemployed	- 1	+ 3
Unemployment Rate (%)	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Participation Rate (%)	+ 1.0	+ 0.4

ANALYSIS [1]

The month of June has brought a further worsenning in overall employment conditions for the province with the jobless rate increasing to 10.5 percent (seasonally-adjusted). Unemployment at the national level eased somewhat in June with the rate dropping by 0.1 percentage points to 7.0 percent.

The provincial unemployment rate of 10.5 percent was an increase of 0.8 percentage points. A year ago at this time the level of unemployment was 7.5 percent.

During June the number of people active in the provincial labour markets totalled 323,000, an increase of 3,000 over May's figure. This increase is further reflected in a higher labour force participation rate (54.7 percent for the month of June as compared to 54.3 percent in May.) While the increase in labour force numbers was 3,000 persons, employment for the May - June period remained at 289,000 persons, thus, increasing the number of unemployed by 3,000 persons. The number of people unemployed during the month of June stood at 34,000 persons.

Actual data showed a small decrease in the jobless level with the rate decreasing by 0.6 percentage points to June's level of 8.9 percent. The unemployment rate a year ago at this time was 6.3 percent.

At the sub-provincial level economic region group 7 (the counties of Antigonish, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough and Pictou) recorded the highest jobless rate at 12.9 percent, a 2.0 percentage point rise over May's figure. The lowest unemployment rate was found in Halifax county (Economic Region Group 10) where 6.6 percent of the labour force were without employment.

[1] The variances between actual and seasonally-adjusted data from month to month in the labour force survey is attributable to the seasonal factor being particularly strong during specific times of the year. The seasonal factor (as calculated from examining past labour force data for the province) must be removed from the actual figures in order to discern the expected or normal change in the monthly labour force figures relative to those in the previous and preceding months. One can then determine movement in the labour force due to cyclical and irregular economic factors apart from the fluctuations caused by non-economic and seasonal factors such as climate, crop cycles, holidays and vacations.

TABLE 1: - SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS FOR NOVA SCOTIA

(ACTUAL)

	Population (000's)	Labour Force (000's)	Employed (000's)	Unemployed (000's)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
1973 - JAN.	546	271	248	23	8.5	49.6
FEB.	547	272	249	23	8.5	49.7
MAR.	549	281	260	21	7.5	51.2
APR.	549	289	268	21	7.3	52.6
MAY	550	299	280	19	6.4	54.4
JUNE	552	306	288	18	5.9	55.4
JULY	553	316	293	23	7.3	47.1
AUG.	554	315	297	18	5.7	56.9
SEPT.	555	296	279	17	5.7	53.3
OCT.	556	300	283	17	5.7	54.0
NOV.	557	304	286	18	5.9	54.6
DEC.	558	303	285	18	5.9	54.3
AVERAGE 1973	552	296	276	20	6.8	53.6
1974 - JAN.	559	305	281	24	2.9	54.6
FEB.	560	302	276	26	8.6	53.9
MAR.	561	301	278	23	7.6	53.7
APR.	562	302	281	21	7.0	53.7
MAY	563	315	298	17	5.4	56.0
JUNE	564	325	307	18	5.5	57.6
JULY	566	336	314	22	6.5	59.4
AUG.	567	336	315	21	6.3	59.3
SEPT.	568	319	298	21	6.6	56.2
OCT.	569	317	297	20	6.3	55.7
NOV.	570	318	297	21	6.6	55.8
DEC.	571	314	289	25	8.0	55.0
AVERAGE 1974	565	316	294	22	7.0	55.9
1975 - JAN.	572	302	277	25	8.2	52.8
FEB.	573	301	274	27	8.9	52.5
MAR.	574	300	275	26	8.5	52.4
APR.	575	309	281	28	8.9	53.7
MAY	576	326	299	27	8.3	56.6
JUNE	577	331	310	21	6.3	57.4
JULY	578	337	310	27	8.0	58.3
AUG.	579	337	316	22	6.4	58.2
SEPT.	580	330	304	25	7.7	56.8
OCT.	581	324	302	22	6.8	55.7
NOV.	582	319	296	23	7.3	54.7
DEC.	583	322	295	26	8.2	55.1
AVERAGE 1975	578	320	295	25	7.8	55.3
1976 - JAN.	585	315	287	29	9.1	53.9
FEB.	586	315	286	29	9.2	53.7
MAR.	587	314	284	30	9.5	53.4
APR.	588	319	286	33	10.3	54.3
MAY	589	325	294	31	9.5	55.2
JUNE	590	331 c	302c	30 e	8.9	56.2

TABLE 2: - SUMMARY OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS FOR NOVA SCOTIA

(SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED)

	Labour Force (000's)	Employed (000's)	Unemployed (000's)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)
1973 - JAN.	282	262	20	7.1	51.6
FEB.	284	265	19	6.7	51.9
MAR.	294	274	20	6.8	53.6
APR.	299	279	20	6.7	54.5
MAY	294	274	20	6.8	53.5
JUNE	295	275	20	6.8	53.4
JULY	294	274	20	6.8	53.2
AUG.	297	278	20	6.4	53.6
SEPT.	297	277	19	6.7	53.5
OCT.	300	280	20	6.7	54.0
NOV.	307	286	21	6.8	55.1
DEC.	308	290	18	5.8	55.2
AVERAGE 1973	296	276	20	6.8	53.6
1974 - JAN.	318	297	21	6.6	56.9
FEB.	316	294	22	7.0	56.4
MAR.	314	293	21	6.7	56.0
APR.	313	293	20	6.4	55.7
MAY	309	292	17	5.5	54.9
JUNE	314	293	21	6.7	55.7
JULY	314	294	20	6.4	55.5
AUG.	318	295	23	7.2	56.1
SEPT.	320	296	24	7.5	56.3
OCT.	317	294	23	7.3	55.7
NOV.	321	297	24	7.5	56.3
DEC.	317	293	24	7.6	55.5
AVERAGE 1974	316	294	22	7.0	55.9
1975 - JAN.	314	293	21	6.7	54.9
FEB.	315	292	23	7.3	55.0
MAR.	313	289	24	7.7	54.5
APR.	319	293	26	8.2	55.5
MAY	321	293	28	8.7	55.7
JUNE	320	296	24	7.5	55.5
JULY	314	290	24	7.6	54.3
AUG.	320	296	24	7.5	55.3
SEPT.	332	303	29	8.7	57.2
OCT.	325	300	25	7.7	55.9
NOV.	322	296	26	8.1	55.3
DEC.	324	299	25	7.7	55.6
AVERAGE 1975	320	295	25	7.8	55.4
1976 - JAN.	328	302	26	7.9	56.1
FEB.	329	304	25	7.6	56.1
MAR.	328	301	27	8.2	55.9
APR.	329	299	30	9.1	56.0
MAY	320	289	31	9.7	54.3
JUNE	323	289	34	10.5	54.7

TABLE 3: - ACTUAL AND SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED LABOUR FORCE DATA

		LABOUR FORCE (000's)		EMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	
		Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted	Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
CANADA	JUNE	10,556	10,257	9,855	9,535	702	722	6.6	7.0	62.6	60.8
	MAY	10,285	10,259	9,576	9,528	708	731	6.9	7.1	61.1	61.0
NOVA SCOTIA	JUNE	331c	323	302 c	289	30 e	34	8.9	10.5	56.2	54.7
	MAY	325	320	294	289	31	31	9.5	9.7	55.2	54.3
NEW BRUNSWICK	JUNE	273	262	245	232	29	30	10.4	11.5	56.3	53.9
	MAY	264	256	231	228	32	28	12.2	10.9	54.5	52.9
NEW-FOUNDLAND	JUNE	194	186	171	163	23	23	11.9	12.4	52.4	50.3
	MAY	184	183	158	160	25	23	13.7	12.6	49.8	49.6
P.E.I.	JUNE	51	49	47	43	4	6	8.3	12.4	60.4	57.6
	MAY	49	48	44	42	5	6	9.9	12.5	57.9	56.5
QUEBEC	JUNE	2,794	2,698	2,566	2,488	228	210	8.2	7.8	60.0	57.9
	MAY	2,687	2,693	2,472	2,479	215	214	8.0	7.9	57.8	57.9
ONTARIO	JUNE	4,024	3,915	3,786	3,667	238	248	5.9	6.3	65.5	63.8
	MAY	3,921	3,933	3,692	3,682	229	251	5.8	6.4	64.0	64.2

* Due to the small size of the sample, the high percentage of sampling variability rendered such figures unpublishable.

TABLE 4: - LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,556	331c	273	2,794	4,024
Male	6,631	211	174	1,794	2,474
Female	3,925	120	100	1,000	1,500
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	3,001	101	91	816	1,088
25 and over	7,555	230	183	1,979	2,936
15 - 19 years	1,257	40	36	321	470
20 - 24 years	1,744	61	55	495	617
25 - 44 years	4,635	138	115	1,259	1,783
45 - 64 years	2,744	86	65	682	1,082
65 and over	176	6	*	38	71

The monthly labour force survey estimated the total labour force in Nova Scotia at 331,000 during June. This level represented an increase of 6,000 persons from May's figure while in comparison to a year ago at this time, no change has occurred. The increase in June was found mainly among young people with those 15 - 24 years of age recording an increase of 4,000 persons while those 25 and over saw their numbers rise by 2,000 persons.

The male component of the labour force accounted for the majority of the increase in labour force numbers with an increase of 4,000 persons while the female component rose by 2,000 persons.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	9,855	302 c	245	2,566	3,786
Male	6,250	193	158	1,659	2,361
Female	3,604	108	87	907	1,425
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,623	84	76	691	956
25 and over	7,232	217	169	1,875	2,830
15 - 19 years	1,057	32	29	254	394
20 - 24 years	1,566	52	47	437	562
25 - 44 years	4,405	128	105	1,188	1,703
45 - 64 years	2,653	83	61	650	1,057
65 and over	174	6	*	37	71

Actual employment during June was 302,000, up by 8,000 from May's level of 294,000. This increase was almost evenly divided between males and females with increases of 3,000 and 4,000 persons respectively.

An examination of employment by age reveals that the increase was found mainly in the 15 - 24 year age category with 5,000 new jobholders while those 25 and over saw their employed numbers increase by only 2,000 persons.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 6: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Industry)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,855	302 c	245	2,566	3,786
Goods-producing					
Agriculture	495	8	6	78	116
Other Primary	266	16	13	59	60
Manufacturing	2,000	45	39	608	952
Construction	707	21	23	164	263
Service-producing					
Transportation, Comm. & Other Utilities	850	32	25	218	280
Trade	1,680	57	47	430	625
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	509	12	-	124	228
Community Business & Personal Services	2,620	83	64	703	982
Public Administration	728	27	20	182	280

Total employment in Nova Scotia for the month of June was 302,000, an increase of 8,000 from the preceding month.

The increase in employment was found mainly in the service-producing sector of the economy. Increases were found in transportation, communication and other utilities (3,000 persons), trade (1,000 persons) and service (2,000 persons). The only decline in employment was found in public administration which showed a marginal decrease of 1,000 persons.

The goods-producing sector of the economy over the May-June period recorded an increase of 3,000 persons in the manufacturing industry while the remaining industries in the sector showed no change.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Occupation)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	9,855	302 c	245	2,566	3,786
Managerial	2,140	63	49	556	853
Clerical	1,732	51	39	463	711
Sales	1,054	34	23	267	412
Service	1,166	37	33	309	430
Primary Occupations	680	22	16	118	165
Processing	1,566	38	38	493	658
Construction	739	29	24	168	262
Transportation	394	16	12	97	137
Material Handlings & Other Crafts	384	13	11	95	157

Total employment in all occupations for the month of June increased to 302,000, a rise of 8,000 over May's figure. Managerial occupations accounted for the largest number of employed persons totalling 63,000.

The most significant increases occurred in managerial, clerical, processing, construction and transportation occupations where increases of 2,000 persons were recorded.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 8

LABOUR FORCE DATA FOR ECONOMIC REGIONS
WITHIN NOVA SCOTIA
1976

Unemployment Rates

	May	June	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	12.0	12.6f	+ 0.6
Economic Region (Group 7)	10.9	12.9f	+ 2.0
Economic Region (Group 8)	8.4	6.6g	- 1.8
Economic Region (Group 9)	9.9	8.2g	- 1.7
Economic Region (Group 10)	8.1	6.6f	- 1.5
Halifax Metropolitan Area	8.3	7.0g	- 1.3

Participation Rates

Economic Region (Group 6)	51.8	51.2d	- 0.6
Economic Region (Group 7)	50.9	52.3d	+ 1.4
Economic Region (Group 8)	52.4	53.9d	+ 1.5
Economic Region (Group 9)	50.3	53.6d	+ 3.3
Economic Region (Group 10)	62.4	62.8d	+ 0.4
Halifax Metropolitan Area	63.5	64.0c	+ 0.5

Economic Region (Group 6) includes all of Cape Breton Island.
Economic Region (group 7) includes the counties of Antigonish, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough and Pictou.
Economic Region (Group 8) includes the counties of Annapolis, Hants and Kings.
Economic Region (Group 9) includes the counties of Digby, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth.
Economic Region (Group 10) includes the county of Halifax.

APPENDIX

Statistical Note:

The labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, participation rate, employment by industry and sub-provincial data contained in the Labour Force Report are estimates, which are derived from Statistics Canada's monthly Labour Force Survey. The reliability of these estimates is indicated by a letter. The letter "a" indicates the highest degree of reliability, "b", "c", etc. indicate decreasing levels of reliability. Reliability letters apply to all preceding months' data in each category. In 95 out of 100 cases the percent of estimates at 1 Standard Deviation are: a ... 0.0-0.5; b ... 0.6-10.0; c ... 1.1-1.5; d ... 2.6-5.0; e ... 5.1-10.0; f ... 10.1-16.5; g ... 16.6-25.0. (Seasonally adjusted estimates exclude seasonal movements from each month's data but include irregular and long-term cyclical fluctuations.)